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In September, 2008, we established the First District Foster Youth Education Project (FDFYEP) to address the academic needs of children and youth receiving child welfare services in local school districts. The FDFYEP increases graduation rates by identifying an educational advocate for each foster youth, improving academic performance through the use of student work and data, and encouraging student retention in the K-12 school system.

The FDFYEP began in 2008 with three DCFS Children's Social Workers co-located at the Montebello and Pomona Unified School Districts. The success of the project has resulted in its expansion into Azusa, Hacienda/La Puente, El Monte and most recently El Rancho Unified School Districts. Educational outcomes have improved for many youth under the supervision of DCFS. Since 2009, a total of 1,090 credits have been recovered for 285 students, and 53 high school graduates received a high school diploma as a direct result of this program.

One of our key partners is the Children Youth and Family Collaborative (CYFC)

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which was awarded a four-year “Investing in Innovation (i3)” federal grant to further support this program. In addition to tutoring services and academic remediation, the (i3) grant dollars will allow for funding for one full-time Children’s Social Worker (CSW) who will be co-located at the Pomona Unified School District, and who will support the educational needs of numerous foster youth attending middle schools and high schools.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Accept \$110,000 per year through Fiscal Year 2013-2014 in federal grant funds to be awarded to DCFS from CYFC in order to fund one full-time CSW that will be co-located at the Pomona Unified School District; and
- (2) Delegate the authority to the Interim Director of DCFS or designee to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with CYFC.

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